

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 MANILA 15941 01 OF 02 061201Z
ACTION EA-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 IO-13 CIAE-00 PM-05 H-01 INR-07
L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15
USIA-06 OMB-01 /073 W
-----086438 070105Z /64

P 061055Z OCT 77
FM AMEMBASSY MANILA
TO USMISSION USUN NEW YORK PRIORITY
SECDEF WASHDC PRIORITY
JCS WASHDC PRIORITY
CINCPAC PRIORITY
CINCPACREPPHIL PRIORITY
13TH AF CLARK AB PRIORITY
SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6207

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 1 OF 2 MANILA 15941
E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, RP
SUBJECT: SECOND MEETING OF US-RP TASK FORCE

REF: (A) MANILA 15153; (B) MANILA 15525

1. SUMMARY. TASK FORCE MET FOR SECOND TIME OCTOBER 5
IN PRODUCTIVE WORKING SESSION AT EMBASSY WHICH -) NOTED
WITH APPROVAL THAT DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL DECREE ON TRESPASSING
READY FOR MARCOS' SIGNATURE, B) PRODUCED GOP PROPOSALS
ON CUSTOMS CONTROL, TAXATION AND IMMIGRATION, AND C) ENABLED
US TO PRESENT OUR STORY ON WATERSHED MANAGEMENT LEADING
TO AGREEMENT FOR FORESTERS OF BOTH SIDES TO DEVELOP PLANS
FOR PROTECTING SHARED INTEREST IN FOREST CONTROL. WE
RAISED PROBLEM OF AERO CLUBS, SUGGESTING THAT THEY BE
PERMITTED TO OPERATE WHILE QUESTIONS REGARDING LEGALITY
ARE REVIEWED. WE ALSO REQUESTED GUIDANCE ON APPLICATION
OF TRAVEL TAX TO FILIPINO DEPENDENTS DEPARTING CLARK.
NEXT MEETING IS AT DFA OCTOBER 12. END SUMMARY.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 MANILA 15941 01 OF 02 061201Z

2. PRESIDENTIAL DECREE ON TRESPASSING. UNDERSECRETARY
MACARAIG NOTED THAT HE HAD MADE MINOR MODIFICATIONS TO
THE PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL DECREE ON TRESPASSING DRAFTED
BY THE MDB LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND WOULD FORWARD THE
PROPOSAL TO MARCOS FOR SIGNATURE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

3. CUSTOMS CONTROL. CUSTOMS COMMISSIONER FAROLAN PROPOSED:

A. IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF APPENDIX A TO THE APRIL 24, 1969 EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON CUSTOMS REGULATIONS TIAS 6752) WHICH (HE STATED) NOT BEING OBSERVED.

B. CUSTOMS CONTROL, INCLUDING INSPECTION AND ENTRY AND DEPARTURE CLEARANCES, OF COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT AND VESSELS CALLING AT MILITARY BASES.

C. MONTHLY REPORTS FROM U.S. COMMISSARIES AND EXCHANGES LISTING ARTICLES RECEIVED AND SOLD.

D. REPORTS OF PURCHASES AND SALES MADE BY U.S. PERSONNEL OF "NON-CONSUMABLE ITEMS OF HIGH VALUE."

E. COORDINATION WITH CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES ON SALES OF HIGH VALUE ITEMS BETWEEN TAX-EXEMPT PERSONNEL.

F. APPROVAL OF CUSTOMS FOR DONATION TO NON TAX-EXEMPT PERSONS OR ENTITIES.

G. ESTABLISHMENT OF CUSTOMS OFFICES ON THE BASES.

H. STATIONING OF CUSTOMS PERSONNEL "IN THE FLIGHT LINE OF COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT CALLING AT THE BASES," AT THE GATES OF BASES, AND AT THE BASE POST OFFICE.

WE PROMISED TO REVIEW 1969 AGREEMENT, AND TO EXAMINE AND RESPOND TO THE OTHER SPECIFIC PROPOSALS. MACARAIG OBSERVED THAT SOME PROPOSALS MIGHT BE APPROPRIATELY REFERRED TO MDB, WHILE OTHERS MIGHT BEST BE ACTED UPON BY THE TASK FORCE.

4. TAXATION. ACTING SECRETARY INGLES TABLED A PROPOSAL ON INTERNAL REVENUE WITH THE FOLLOWING FEATURES:
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 MANILA 15941 01 OF 02 061201Z

A. ASSIGNMENT OF AN INTERNAL REVENUE OFFICIAL AT THE BASES TO ACT AS TAX ADVISER TO THE PMLO AND TO ENFORCE INTERNAL REVENUE LAWS "ESPECIALLY ON PRIVATE COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS OPERATING INSIDE THE BASES."

B. WITHHOLDING OF INCOME TAXES BY U.S. AUTHORITIES FROM WAGES OF FILIPINO EMPLOYEES.
INGLES SAID WE HAD AGREED TO SUCH PROCEDURES IN SOUTH VIETNAM. WE PROMISED TO STUDY THE PROPOSALS AND TO RESPOND NEXT WEEK.

5. IMMIGRATION. INGLES SAID THAT NEXT WEEK HE WOULD PRESENT A DETAILED PROPOSAL CONCERNING STATIONING IMMIGRATION PERSONNEL AT CLARK AND SUBIC.

6. WATERSHED. SUBIC NAVAL BASE FORESTER PRESENTED STANDARD BRIEFING EMPHASIZING THAT TREES ARE CUT ONLY TO MAINTAIN FOREST HEALTH AND WATERSHED PRODUCTIVITY. PHIL PANEL APPEARED DUBIOUS AND STATED NAVY HAD VIOLATED RP LAWS ON LOGGING, PARTICULARLY BY CUTTING TREES BELOW MINIMUM SIZE. WE COUNTERED THAT THIS ONLY WHERE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 MANILA 15941 02 OF 02 070045Z
ACTION EA-12

INFO OCT-01 IO-13 ISO-00 CIAE-00 PM-05 H-01 INR-07
L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15
USIA-06 OMB-01 /073 W
-----103224 070104Z /64

P 060951Z OCT 77 ZDK
FM AMEMBASSY MANILA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6208
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK PRIORITY
SECDEF WASHDC PRIORITY
JCS WASHDC PRIORITY
CINCPAC PRIORITY
CINCPACREPPHIL PRIORITY
13TH AF CLARK AB PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 2 OF 2 MANILA 15941

NECESSARY TO BUILD ROADS. WE NOTED THAT OUR USE OF
LUMBER FROM FELLED TREES WAS INCIDENTAL ONLY AND DID NOT
MEET NEEDS OF NAVY, WHICH PURCHASED SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITIES
OF LUMBER OFF BASE. WE AGREED TO DISAGREE ON LEGALITY
OF NAVY "LOGGING" AND CONSENSUS WAS REACHED THAT JOINT
RP/US APPROACH TO FOREST MANAGEMENT COULD MOOT THE LEGAL
QUESTION.

7. THE PHIL PANEL FORESTRY REP TABLED A DRAFT MEMORANDUM
OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN BUREAU OF FOREST DEVELOPMENT (BFD)
AND U.S. NAVY. AGREEMENT CALLS FOR THE BFD TO A) PREPARE
JOINT FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN WITH NAVY, AND B) MONITOR
THE NAVY'S FOREST ACTIVITIES. UNDER PROPOSED AGREEMENT
THE NAVY, INTER ALIA, WOULD B) NOT EXPORT OR SELL HARVESTED
TIMBER; C) PAY REGULAR FOREST CHARGES AND FEES FOR
HARVESTED TIMBER AS WELL AS ANY PENALTIES FOR DAMAGE
OR DESTRUCTION OF TREES AND "RESIDUALS" DURING LOGGING
OPERATIONS; AND D) SUBMIT TO CLOSE MONITORING BY BFD
INCLUDING DETAILED REPORTS ON FOREST ACTIVITIES. DESPITE
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 MANILA 15941 02 OF 02 070045Z

OBJECTIONABLE FEATURES, PHIL APPROACH COULD ADVANCE
OUR INTEREST IN ARRIVING AT DURABLE JOINT REGIME CAPABLE
OF PROTECTING MUTUAL INTEREST IN EFFECTIVE WATERSHED
MANAGEMENT.

8. PERIMETER SECURITY. WE POINTED OUT THAT AFP PARTICIPANTS
IN MDB AD HOC COMMITTEE ARE STILL AWAITING TERMS OF
REFERENCE FROM DND. BGEN. MAGTIBAY (REPRESENTING
UNDERSECRETARY BARBERO) AGAIN SAID HE WOULD FOLLOW UP.

9. COMMENT. INGLES ADOPTED POSITIVE STAND, AND GOP
PARTICIPANTS APPEARED WELL PREPARED. PROPOSALS PRESENTED
ARE OF INTEREST AND OFFER PROSPECTS FOR FINDING COMMON
GROUND IN MOST CASES. IT WILL BE INDICATIVE HOW EFFECTIVELY
AFP ACTS TO GET MDB AD HOC COMMITTEE OFF THE GROUND.
AFP TOP BRASS IS MUCH TRAVELLING AND PREOCCUPIED THESE
DAYS. RADM. KILCLINE WILL MAKE SPECIAL EFFORT IN NEXT
DAYS TO GET AFP ENERGIZED.

10. ACTION REQUESTED. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S
COMMENTS ON VIETNAM PRACTICE (PARA 4 ABOVE) PRIOR
TO OCTOBER 12 MEETING.
STULL

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: NEGOTIATIONS, MILITARY BASE AGREEMENTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 06-Oct-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977MANILA15941
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770365-0837
Format: TEL
From: MANILA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19771088/aaaacwnf.tel
Line Count: 194
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: ce498d35-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 4
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 MANILA 15153, 77 MANILA 15525
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 24-Feb-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1012716
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SECOND MEETING OF US-RP TASK FORCE
TAGS: MARR, RP, US
To: USUN NEW YORK DOD
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/ce498d35-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009